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CLAPP & JONES. Twenty-five cents buys a good turkey red lamask worth Scents a yard. T. W. BARNARD.

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New stock of rings just received by H. H.

The "Mutual Life's" Annual Statement. The annual statement of the Mutual Life In urance company of New York showing the business transacted by that company for the year ending 1898, shows an amazing growth. The assets were increased \$21,730,887 and the total sum now held by this institution for the security of its policy-holders is \$277,517,925. The Mo-tual Life, after placing \$233,058,640 to the credit of the reserve fund in accordance with the rement, has a remaining surplus of \$44,458,684. The surplus snows a growth for the year amounting to \$8,900,400, from which dividends are ap-

In 1898, the claims paid arising from the death of policy holders amounted to \$15,265,938, and in addition to this the company paid during the 12 months \$11,485,751 on account of endowments dividends, etc. The general business of the Mu tual Life in 1898, when compared with the reilts during the previous year, is highly satisfatory. The insurance in force December 31, 1807. nted to \$935,602,381. On December 31, 1898. the business in force aggregated in amount \$970,496,975, which is unequaled by any other company in the world. Since its organization in 1843, the Mutual Life Insurance company of New | salaries than the church in this town. It is York has paid to its policy holders \$748,748,910.

Auctioneer.

G. P. Miller, Guilford, Vt. Terms: \$10 per day, including book-keeper and 50 posters. Or street, Brattleboro, Vt.

Miss Park's Private School. Summes term opens March 27. Business, High school, and elementary courses. Tutoring done afternoons and evenings. 18 Chapin street.

BRATTLEBORO.

Hoyt's "A Milk White Flag" will be

The winter term of Miss Fitts's kinder garten closes this week for a two weeks' vacation. Rev. F. S. Walker of Wilmington and

Jacksonville will preach in the Universalist church next Sunday. Under a special act of Congress a pension of \$12 a month has been granted to

Mary E. Sessions of Guilford. The annual meeting of the Vermont branch of the international order of the King's Daughters and Sons is to be held

in Brattleboro Sept. 6 and 7. The directors of the Y. M. C. A. have voted to accept the resignation of Secretary L. B. Hardy. They have asked Mr. Hardy to remain a few weeks, or until his

successor is chosen. W. C. Horton, agent for the Massachusetts Mutual Accident association, has paid Mrs. S. W. Edgett \$100 insurance for injuries received in January, which dis-

abled her for four weeks. The Daughters of Rebekah gave a supper and entertainment at Odd Fellows' hall Tuesday evening which was well attended in spite of the severe weather. The entertainment consisted of songs and recitations by different members of the lodge. The proceeds amounted to about \$15.

The attention of applicants for life insurance is called to the summary of new features in the New York Life's new policy form, which seems to be a record-breaker, and the company claim that Its present month's business in selling this contract will be the greatest ever done by any com-

The meeting of the Alliance study class will be held at the reception room of the Brooks House on Monday evening next at 7:30 o'clock. The paper on "New England Two Hundred Years Ago," by Miss Russell of Plymouth, announced before but deferred on account of the blizzard, will be read by Mrs. S. E. Lawton. Members and friends are cordially invited.

F. J. Bailey, real estate agent, has this week opened a branch office in Greenfield, Mass., on the ground floor of the Mansion Mr. Bailey will be in his Greenfield office on Monday and Tuesday of each week for the purpose of handling Franklin county real estate in conjunction with his branch office in Springfield, Mass. P. F. Crown will have charge of the Brattle-

boro office during Mr. Bailey's absence. The regular evening session of the Woman's club was held Wednesday with Mrs. Harlow on Green street. These papers were read: "An Afternoon with Thorean," by Mrs. Clark; "Thoreau's Personality," by Miss Freeman; "With Thoreau in the Maine Woods," by Miss Gregg; "Thoreau's Birds," by Miss Brasor. The same papers were given at the afternoon session of the club held last Friday with Mrs. Beeman on Canal street.

Two games have been played in the Wheel club tournament this week, L. D. Taylor getting 40 points to 48 for L. H. Miller and 46 for A. E. Knight. Both games go to Taylor on the handicap, and he is a class winner. The final games to determine the winners of the diamonds will begin within a few days. All the classes have finished except one in pool and one in four ball billiards, which have been delayed through the absence of nonresident members who are contestants. Prizes were won by F. B. Putnam, plus , and E. E. Perry, plus 22, at whist Tuesday night. to establish a rural delivery route

About 60 couples attended the last Maonic social which was held Friday evening in Masonic hall.

Miss Maude Essex entertained the young ladies' whist club at her home at Pine Heights Saturday afternoon,

It is expected that Sousa's band will come to Brattleboro this spring under the | High street this evening. management of the Lawler Brothers of

Tuesday's town meeting was the 65th consecutive March meeting which Chester H. Miller of West Brattleboro, 88 years old, has attended. Rev. Arthur W. Remington of Hyde

Park, Mass., will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church next Sunday at the morning and evening services. The regular monthly meeting of the Y.

M. C. A. was held Monday evening in the association rooms. The report of the finance committee was heard and eight new members were voted into the associa-The Boston Herald of Monday contained

the following: "The Rev. H. D. Maxwell Three members were voted into the preached his first sermon as pastor of the Wheel club at the regular meeting Tuesterday morning, and was welcomed by a large congregation."

There has been considerable discussion in regard to certain figures for work for the town, as given in the town report. A Horton is given \$460 for 2760 hours' work and Henry Pellerine \$405.01 for 1230 hours. A mistake was made in making out the report, as Pellerine's time was 2230 hours, and the two men received the same wages.

Fred B. Alvord, who has been manager of Pine Grove Springs at Spofford lake several years, will return there the coming season, and he is already booking orders from prospective guests. Mr. Alvord will run his new hotel at East Orange, N. J., throughout the year, leaving it in competent hands during the summer while be is at Pine Grove Springs.

The semi-annual meeting of the Chrisian Endeavor society of the Congregation-Popular sheet music and books Strings for all al church was held last Sunday evening when these officers were elected: President, Miss Harriet Bushnell; vice president, dent, K. B. Emerson; secretary, Florence Foster; treasurer, Miss Lillian Park; recording and missionary secretary, Miss Minerva Tyler. The reports of the officers for the last six months were read and adopted.

On account of the storm and the numerous attractions a very small audience was present at the Universalist church Tuesday evening to listen to the interest-ing lecture upon Mexico given by Hou. Eliho B. Taft of Buriington. Mr. Taft gave his hearers a clear idea of the customs, habits and dress of the Mexicans, and also an accurate description of the natural beauties of the country, narrating his experiences on a trip to the summit of Mount Popocatapetl, the highest peak in Mexico. The lecture was illustrated by specimens of minerals found in Mexico and by garments and trinkets made and worn by the

A special meeting of the Congregational society will be held this evening to consider the advisability of raising the salary already offered to Rev. Frank J. Goodwin of Gler Ridge, N. J. Since receiving the call to the pastorate here Mr. Goodwin has been the recipient of calls from at least three other churches, some of them offering larger the hope of the committee having the matter in charge that Mr. Goodwin will be willing to accept the pastorate here provided the salary offered him is large enough day, including book-keeper and 50 posters. Orders can be left with S. W. Edgett & Co., 51 Main the other churches. Everyone interested in the matter is asked to be present at the meeting.

The Brattleboro sheets of Major F. C. Beck's "Professional and Business Gazet-teer of Vermont" have been received, and they present an attractive appearance. They open with a concisely written history of the town, with a sketch of its leadterprises. A secret society calendar follows, and then appears the well arranged pages of professional and business cards. By this method there is presented in compact form a showing of the town's development and business interests, which will of special value and convenience to strangers seeking information about the place. The book, a large quarto, is arranged in album form, and following the Brattleboro sheets will be inserted in sucession other sheets which, in the end, will form a large volume representing every town in Vermont of more than 1000 inhabitants. Bellows Falls will be the next

It was a highly satisfactory presentation which was given by the Jefferson Comedy company in the Auditorium last Saturday evening. The chief interest of the evenng inevitably centered in the work Thomas Jefferson, who took upon himself the difficult task of rendering the title rôle which is the creation of his father, and in which the venerable actor has won enduring fame. Judged strictly on its own merits this work deserved only cordial praise, and in the final act, after Rip Van Winkle wakes from his long sleep on the mountain, it rose to the point of genuine art and was beyond adverse criticism. The support was excellent, notably in the parts of Derrick Von Beekman, Gretchen, and Cockles, the nephew. The play was well staged, the scenic effects were admirably managed, and the presentation as a whole and in detail was one of which Manager Fox has a right to be proud. Best of all, in spite of the notice of only two days on which the company came here, it played to a well-filled and paying house. In this fact there ought to be encouragement to bring to Brattleboro other presentations of the best class as they may be offered from time to time.

Charles Hedges of New York, assistant superintendent of free delivery, spent the day in town last Friday to Investigate the question of extending the free system to West Brattleboro. If the plan should be carried out it would involve the consolidation of the West Brattleboro postffice with the Brattleboro office, making it a sub-station in charge of a superinten-dent. The West Brattleboro office would be maintained as now, the only essential change being the doing away of a separate set of accounts for that office. There set of accounts for that office. would be two carrier deliveries a day for

West Brattleboro May Have Free De-

livery.

West Brattleboro. The business would be greatly simplified, and confusion and de-lay would be avoided, especially in the forwarding of mail matter which is intended for West Brattleboro residents, but directed to the Brattleboro office. When Postmaster Webster was in Washington last October he explained to the superintendent of free delivery the advantages which he thought would accrue from this change and the promise was then made of investigation by the department. The visit of Assistant Superintendent Hedges is the result. Mr. Hedges looked over the ground very carefully and assented to all that was said to him in regard to the desirability of free delivery for the West village, and was evidently favorably impressed with the situation. Should a favorable report be made and the department accept and act upon it the change would probably be made July 1. In West Brattleboro office or sub-station there would be an unusually good opportunity

There will be a special meeting of Brattleboro lodge at Masonic hall this evening. BRAKEMAN POTTER INJURED.

The project for the safe of the Episcopal church property to a syndicate has been abandoned. William Richardson entertains a num-

ber of his young friends at his home on

H. H. Hackley will lead the meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms Sunday afternoon. Special music will be given by a male The young ladies of the Baptist society

served an oyster supper Wednesday even-ing at their pariors. There was a good at-tendance and about \$20 was cleared. Rehearsals were held Wednesday and Thursday evenings for the opera Pinafore,

which is to be given some time in April under the auspices of the Murray club. The local barbers held a meeting Tuesday evening, when they voted to close for half a day on each of the regular holidays. Agreements were also made as to prices for special work.

First Universalist church, Somerville, yes- day night. At the next regular meeting officers will be elected, and a vote will be Rev. Geo. W. Morrow of Burlington, superintendent for Vermont of the Amer-

ican Anti-Saloon league, will speak in one of the Brattleboro churches on the last Sunday in this month. Further particulars will be announced next week. There will be a meeting of Fuller Bat tery at the armory next Tuesday evening

at 7:30. Business of importance will be

presented for action, and all members are

requested to be present. Regular meetings will be held every Tuesday evening hereafter. D. L. Griggs, formerly of Brattleboro, but now superintendent of Tremont Temple, Boston, has sold the "Nina," a summe hotel in Northfield, Mass, to a Boston man, who is one of the trustees of Northfield seminary. The sale was begun last October, but the deeds were not passed

until this week. Charles G. Hovey has been appointed administrator of the Elizabeth A. Cooley estate of Newfane. Frank L. Fauikner has been appointed guardian of Sara E. Faulkner of Wilmington. Abby G. Miller has been appointed administratrix of the John Miller estate of Dummerston. J. B. Cudworth and T. N. Reed are the

The Los Angeles, Calif., Herald of March 3 has the following in an extended account of the presentation of Rob Roy by the Bostonians in that city: "Wm, Lavin, as the young pretender, made the best im-pression of any of his appearances here He was in excellent voice, sang with convincing expression and maintained the right spirit in some difficult pieces of act-A tenor that combines all these talents is a rara avis nowadays, and the Bostonians are fortunate in the acquisition of Mr. Lavin to their ranks."

Auctioner C. P. Gilson sold the Dodge property at Dummerston the 2d, the Strat-ton property at So. Newfane the 6th, and he was at Green field, Mass., the 7th. He has the following engagements within a short time: Wilson property in West Dummerston the 9th; auction rooms in Brattleboro the 11th; Watkins property at Walpole, N. H., 15th; Arnold property at Wal-pole, 20th; Spaulding property at Weston, 22d; Herrick property at Chesterfield, N. H. 25th; Fred I. Lane sale at Westmulster 28th, and one date in Connecticut not decided upon.

In addition to his work on the Pettingill newspaper directory J. G. Uilery is preparing for issue by its Boston publish-ers "Taylor's Commercial Gazetteer." This will be a pocket gazetteer, containing the gazetteer matter from the Pettingill directory arranged for instant references It will give the essential facts about every city and town in the United States of over 500 inhabitants. It will be of special use to traveling men, but will be equally a convenience to all who have occasion to consult statistical matters of this kind. The first edition of 25,000 copies has already been sold to the American News company.

The Burlington News corrects the state-Brattleboro was the oldest ex-member of the Vermont legislature. The honor belongs to the veteran Gen. Stephen Thomas of Montpelier-long may he remain the oldest survivor!-who represented Fairlee in the legislature in 1838. Mr. Chency first represented Jamaica in the legislature in 1839. The oldest survivor of the senate is the venerable and honored ex-Judge James Barrett of Rutland, who served in 1844-and who, by the way, was the youngest Vermonter ever elected sena-

tor with one exception-Judge Barrett's long-time judicial associate, Hon. Homer Royce of St. Albans, who led Judge Barrett by just two weeks. Vermont's senior lieutenant-governor is Hon. Levi Underwood, formerly of Burlington, who held the office in 1860-62, and who has been at the Brattleboro Retreat many

years. N. A. Plummer has drawn for J. G Ullery a front elevation for the building which Mr. Utlery will erect on the Van Doorn lot the coming season. This plan is for a three-story building, with a front of red pressed brick for the second and third floors, and of plate glass and iron for the lower floor. The window sills and caps will be of granite. The architecture is the Italian Renaissance style. front will present an appearance of dignity and simplicity, and the building is evidently to be a handsome addition to the business section of the town. Mr. Plummer is now engaged on the floor plans. On the lower floor, on either side of the broad entrance stairway in the centre, is to be a store, each 60 feet long by 22 feet six inches wide. Each store will be entered from the street level. There is evidently no trouble in finding tenants for the building. The work of construction will begin

early in April. Vanderpool on Another Tear E. E. Vanderpool, the well known color-

ed house-cleaner, whose presence is not unknown in the police court, created a disturbance Wednesday. Late in the afternoon it was reported to Chiefof-Police Hall that Vanderpool Was drunk, that he had turned his family out of their home and that he was otherwise obnoxiously disporting himself. Chief-of-Police Hall and Policeman Thayer went to Vanderpool's house on Green street and arrested him. Vanderpool protested, but he was brought to the town house in a coupé and lodged in the lock-up. He was arraigned before Judge W. S. Newton yesterday morning, charged with intoxication. State's Attorney Barber was attending court at Newfane so A. V. D. Piper ap-peared for the state. Vanderpool pleaded guilty to a third offence of intoxication and he was fined \$20 and costs, amounting to \$26.86, which he paid. He said that he went to Greenfield, Mass., Tuesday where he bought three quarts of whiskey at the Union House. He said he had had liquor come by express several times since the first of the winter. He says it comes to him at the express office. When he finds out it is there he goes to the office with his pail partly filled with working clothes, opens the box, removes the liquor and places it in the bottom of the pall, covers it over with the clothes and starts home.

His Scalp Peeled Off by a Blow is the Tunnel at Bellows Falls --- He to Herovering.

Geo. A. Potter, brakeman on the mixed train from the north due in Brattleboro at 8.30 P. M., was seriously injured Monday night at Bellows Falls. The train, in charge of Conductor A. G. Carleton of this town, left the station at Bellows Falls about 7.45, and had just passed through the tunnel below the depot when Engineer Fred Tuthill discovered Petter lying or the tender, unconscious. He evidently had been struck on the top of the head by something in the tunnel for his scalp had been peeled entirely off and his head was bleeding profusely.

The train was stopped immediately and Potter taken to the office of a physician where his wound was dressed. Although the scalp had been torn off the skull was While being carried fractured. through the street Potter raved like a madman, and did not recover consciousness until nearly noon Tuesday. He cannot tell just where or how the accident hap-pened but thinks that his head struck officers will be elected, and a vote will be some part of the stone work near the taken upon increasing the regular monthly south end of the tunnel. He was in the act of walking across the tender to the engine as the train entered the tunnel and did not stoop low enough to avoid being hit. Mrs. Potter went from here to Bellows Falls Tuesday to care for her husband, who is at Town's hotel. He is recovering

Potter came to Brattleboro last fall from the northern part of the state and since then has lived with his wife at 59 Elliot

OSCAR D. ESTERBROOK.

The hoped-for improvement in the condition of Oscar D. Esterbrook, the wellknown clothing merchant, who suffered a stroke of paralysis last week, did not come. On the contrary he gradually declined, and death ensued in the early hours of Tuesday morning. Mr. Esterbrook was a descendant of one

of the early Brattleboro families. His great-grandfather, Warren Esterbrook, who came here from Rhode Island, settling in the west part of the town, was a sol tier in the Revolution, enlisting in April, 1775, and receiving his discharge in the latter part of 1778. Warren Esterbrook was a farmer, as was his son James and his grandson, Daniel Stewart, who was the

Oscar D. Esterbrook was born in West Brattleboro April 20, 1833, and he grew up there, receiving his education in the district schools. The family moved to the East village when he was 15, and about a year later he became a clerk for Deacon Dwinnell in his general store. After spending a year there he was employed in the store of his cousin, O. J. Pratt, for about a year, and he the came a clerk for the firm of Pratt, Wheel er & Co., and with this concern his whole usiness life was spent.

With the exception of O. J. Pratt he had been longer in continuous business in Brattleboro than any other merchant in town. The firm of Pratt, Wheeler & Co. changed to L. G. Pratt & Co., then to D. S. Pratt & Co., and finally to Pratt, Wright & Co., at which time Mr. Esterbrook became a partner. E. R. Pratt suc ceeded to the interest of the late A. H. Wright, and when Mr. Pratt withdrew some ten years ago Mr. Esterbrook became the sole owner of the store. He devoted himself unremittingly to his busi-ness, and in it he achieved a high degree of success. He accumulated a handsome estate, but, better than this, he made for himself a business name which stood for sound and conservative judgment and for unspotted integrity. He was for a time a silent partner in a clothing firm in Boston, and several years ago he assisted J. J. Fenton, a long-time employe in the Brat-tleboro store, in the establishment of the business of J. J. Fenton & Co. in Bellows Falls. In company with his brother-in-law, Azor Marshall, he built the Marshall

& Esterbrook building near the bridge, His only official connection had been with the Brattleboro savings bank. Of that bank he was one of the original corporators and trustees; he had been a member of the board of investment since the first year, and the vice president since 1882. ment that the late S. T. R. Cheney of Had he lived he would have been elected president to succeed the late Hon. B. D. Harris. There was no man whose judg ment and advice and prudent oversight had been of more value to the institution Sound, strong and self-contained, though the embodiment of modesty withal, his death makes a sad break in our Brattleboro business circle, and his loss is one

which can hardly be made good. In his personal relations Mr. Esterbrook was a sincere and helpful friend, quick and warm of heart, in his own quiet way a delightful companion, a man of positive and, if need were, outspoken convic tions, and who was right on all the great questions of the day. His life-long religious connection was with the Unitarian church, and no man had the interests of the Brattleboro church more sincerely at heart, or proved his interest in a more

practical and tangible way.

Mr. Esterbrook married, June 15, 1876. Mrs. Ella Wetherell Shumway of Chesterfield, who survives him with their daugh ter, Edith, who graduated at Smith college n the class of 1898. He is also survived by his mother, Martha Elizabeth (Gladden) Esterbrook, who, now in her 93d year. enjoys a serene and happy old age. An only sister, Mrs. Azor Marshall, with whom the mother has her home, also sur

vives. The funeral will be held at the Unita rian church this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

> Ex-Gov. Holbrook [From the Burlington Free Press]

Vermont's surviving war governor, Frederick Holbrook of Brattleboro, is now in his 87th year, having passed his 86th birthday on the 15th ult. Though retired from active life, he retains his health in a remarkable degree and keeps up courage and a cheerful spirit. Writing to a friend in Burlington the other day, he alluded to Longfellow's lines:

"And as the evening twilight fades away, The sky is filled with stars invisible by day." and added: "In the contemplative and reminiscent spirit characteristic of old age, as we pass down the westerning slope to-wards the sunset of life, stars appear in shape of memories which were more or less invisible since the heydey of active manhood, and in vision of the life beyond,

growing more and more visible as we near the end. Gov. Holbrook has the respect and esteem of the entire state of Vermont, and many thousands will join in wishes for his continued peace and happiness in his declining years.

We offer \$100 reward for any cree of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly nonorable in all husiness transactions, and finan-ially able to carry out any obligation made by thate ferm.

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Hall's family Pills are the best.

A MARCH MEETING

Without Even a Ripple of Ex- the article. citement.

The Old Board of Officers Baselected ... the Regulation Tax Voted ... the New S. A. Smith Company Exempted from Taxation by a Unanimous Vote. It was conspicuously a mild-mannered March meeting which the voters of Brat-tleboro held on Tuesday. Not more than 200 or 300 voters were in the hall when

the meeting opened at 9 o'clock. The proceedings occupied less than three hours, including the time taken for a ballot to order and read the warrant Col. Has- an explanation as to why it was necessary kins moved that the auditors' report be carried and adopted. This motion was exemption. He said that the proprietors adopted, P. S. Eames having first been allowed to make a personal explanation in regard to a charge that the road commis-

was only about \$100. The election of officers followed. Col. Hooker accepted his reëlection as moderaor with the remark that he was glad that the town had returned to its old way in the choice of a moderator; "the time was when every New England town chose

from Mr. Eames's administration. In point of fact, Mr. Eames said, the amount

ts best man for that office," There was no essential change in last year's board of officers. W. D. Stockwell was first reflected a town grand juror, but it being stated that, being postmaster he was ineligible, the election was declared void, and H. F. Weatherhead was chosen in his place. There was no contest over the election of any officer except road commissioner. Un-der the law the vote for this official was by ballot, P. S. Eames contesting the election with E. E. Stockwell, the last year's incumbent. The boxes were open upward of an hour and both sides made a lively fight. The result stood:

Whole number of votes cast, Necessary to a choice, G. W. Hooker had P. S. Eames. E. E. Stockwell,

The announcement of Mr. Stockwell's election was greeted with applause by his This was the full list of officers elected:

Moderator—G. W. Hocker Town cierk—Wm. S. Newton Selectmen—W. H. Vinton, F. F. Gleason, E. H.

Treasurer—W. H. Braccett.

Uverseer of the poor—J. L. Stockwell.

Constables—1st. Thomas Hannon: 2d. J. L. Stockwell.

Tax collect r—R. E. Gordon.

Listers—John S. Cutting. H. B. Chamberlain,

Azor Marshall, T. J. B. Cudworth, A. J. Currier.

Additors—H. B. Chamberlain, T. J. B. Cud
corth, C. G. Staples.

Trustee partite mo. ey—W. S. Kewton.

Fence viewers—C. L. Stickney, J. D. Whitney,

A. W. Roel.

Town grand jurors—W. H. Minor, H. F. Weath-

Town grand jurers -- W. H. Minor, H. F. Weath-

Inspector of leather—W. H. Kinson. Poundkeeper—Frank S. D. Poundkeeper Frank S Brasor, Inspector of lumber W A Bamsdell Hoad Commissioner E. E. Stockwell, Town agent, F. W. McClure School director - C. D. Whitman.

The lists for grand and petit jurors were: Grand jurors—W. H. Vinton, John P. Sargeant, J. H. Pratt, H. F. Weatherhead,

H. P. Wellman, Azor Marshall. Petit jurors—Jas. R. LeRay, Frank L. Hunt, E. D. Whitney, W. S. Fessenden, H. D. Waterman, E. W. Harlow, Luke Ferriter, Henry Akeley, E. C. Dunklee, E. A. Lord, C. S. Hopkins, A. G. Barnes, C. P. Nash, T. J. B. Cudworth, C. I Knapp, W. D. Stockwell, G. E. Selleck C. A. Miles, W. E. Banks, J. M. Joy, C

D. Whitman. The election of officers being completed E. C. Crosby moved, under article three, that 30 cents on the dollar be raised to pay the town expenses. This motion prevailed. Under article four A. C. Daven-port, H. D. Holton and F. K. Barrows were elected trustees of the Brattleboro Free library for a term of three years to succeed themselves. C. A. Miles was elected a member to succeed Rev. C. O. Day, removed from town. The usual sum of \$1200 was appropriated for the support

of the library. Under article six, for the appropriation of money for Memorial day, Frank Emer-son moved that the sum be made \$400. When inquiry was made as to why so large an increase over the usual sum was proposed Mr. Emerson answered that the membership of the Grand Army was constantly growing smaller, it was more difficult properly to carry out the observance of Memorial day, and it was felt that more money should be appropriated for

this purpose. Col. Thomas Hannon said that while he had no personal knowledge on the subject he had seen the statement in the newspapers that it was proposed to turn over the main portion of this sum, if voted, for the benefit of the First Regiment band. He had no objection to this being done, but, in behalf of the Grand Army members he thought if this was the plan it should be so stated. C. F. Thompson said he believed that the money could not legally be given to the band, because an article for that purpose had not been placed in the warrant. He was sorry this had not been done. Col. Haskins said he was himself a member of the Grand Army. He was also friendly to the band, but this business should be done "fair and square." The money could not be appropriated by the town without an article in the warrant, In 1886 the legislature enacted a law enabling cities and incorporated villages to appropriate money to aid local bands by paying them for public concerts, etc. The town cannot appropriate money in this way but the village can, and, "I hope such action will be taken at the annual village meeting," he said. Col. Haskins then moved to amend the motion of Mr. Emerson so as to make the sum appropriated for Memorial day \$100. Mr. Emerson accepted the amendment and the motion was carried unanimously.

Under article seven it was voted to make the salaries of town officers the same as heretofore. Under article eight it was moved by C. F. Thompson to appropriate \$493.30 to pay the excess of expenditures of the road commissioner during the last year, and the motion was carried. It was voted to exempt the polls of the members of Western engine company of West Brattleboro from taxation as usual.

A short discussion arose under article ten to see if the town would authorize the board of school directors of the town school district to pay the tuition of advanced pupils when they desire to attend the schools of the Brattleboro graded school district. Dr. C. S. Clark said the law made full provision on this point and moved to pass over the article. Dr. Clark said that the town school directors had provided a school for the education of their advanced pupils and it was an injustice to that school to weaken it by sending pupils elsewhere. C. D. Whitman made an explanation of the situation which had caused this article to be put in the warrant. He said that the parents of certain pupils living on the edge of the graded district felt that it was an injustice that their children should be compelled to attend the town school, or else pay their tuition in the graded schools. It was to relieve or correct this

state of things, if the town so voted, that the article was inserted. Dr. Clark re-peated his suggestions and stated them more fully, and it was voted to pass over

exemption of the new S. A. Smith com-pany from taxation, C. F. Thompson offered the following resolution, and it was adopted unanimously with a full

CHOFUS OF VOICES:

That the real and personal property and retate of the S. A. Smith company, a corporation recently chartered by the state of Vermont and about to be reorganized for the matrix ture of children's carriages and toys and such other articles of manufacture as may hereafter be determined upon, including all capital used in said business, be and hereby is carimpted from taxation for the term of five years commencing on the first cay of April, 1899.

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Articles twelve and thirteen related to the exemption from taxation of the property exemption. He said that the proprietors of the canning factory had proposed to esboard of trade had undertaken to do this sioner of 1898 had been obliged to pay board of trade had undertaken to do this some \$300 or \$400 of bills brought over and the factory was held in trust by the gentlemen named. The three men would e responsible for the taxes unless town voted in favor of exemption. tions to exempt, for five years, covering both articles, were made and adopted.

Article fourteen related to a proposition to authorize the selectmen to contract with the Brattleboro Gaslight company for electric lights on Western avenue and in West Brattleboro for a term of five years. C. C. Fitts said this art cle had been inserted because the town was now paying \$90 a year for those lights, but the company would make the price \$80 a year of the time were for five years. David T. Perry thought it might be well to go slow. since it was understood that a new company was to be put in operation so that the price might be reduced through The motion introduced by Mr. Fitts authorized the selectmen to make a con tract for five years "if they deem it for the pest interests of the town to do so.' this form the motion was carried This completed the business of the meet-

ing, and at 11.45 a motion to adjourn pre-338 valled.

THE TROTTING CIRCUIT FOR 1899

Meeting Held at the Brooks House Monday at which Dates for the Different Meetings were Decided --- The Valley Fair Will Come Sept. 27 and 28.

Representatives of the Vermont State fair met members of the Valley Fair association at the Brooks House Monday for the purpose of making arrangements for the trotting circuit of the coming year. The dates for the different meetings have been decided upon as follows: White River Junction, Sept. 12, 13, 14 and 15; Keene, N. H., Sept. 19, 20 and 21; Brattleboro, Sept. 27 and 28. There is a possibility of a trotting meeting being held at Concord, N. H., a week before the state fair at White River Junction. It was decided to give purses in the following classes: 2:12; 2:18; 2:23; 2:27; 2:35 and 2:45. The amounts of the purses at the Valley Fair will be \$600, \$500 and \$300. If a meeting should be held at Concord purses will be offered in the above classes. Greenfield and Athol, Mass., both of which were in the same circuit with Brattlebero last year, time next Monday night. have been obliged to drop out this season on account of a confliction of the dates upon which the different meetings will be held.

WINDHAM COUNTY COURT.

March Term Convened Wednesday, but Little Work Has Been Done.

prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Norton, who feelingly alluded to those who had who feelingly alluded to those who had died since the adjournment of the last term of court. On the calling of the jury will be extended so as to include the enterm three weeks ago had melted away to This was by reason of some cases having been settled, agreed to be referred and tried out of court, or the sickness of parties or some material witness, while others had been taken from the jury list to be tried by the court. The afternoon was taken up with the hearing of various motions made to the court. When court assembled Thursday morning Judge Tyler delivered to the jurors summoned to serve during the term a comprehensive and instructive charge with reference to their duties as jurymen. The case that was expected to be ready for trial failed by reason of one of the parties being taken ill with grip during the night, and counsel agreed that the case might be tried by the court if the party became able to attend before the final adjournment. No other jury case being ready a recess was taken about 3 o'clock until Friday morning. During the day some business was done by the court in the way of clearing off cases that stood on motions for continuance, etc.

will be ready Friday morning.

The divorce case of Bertram W. Dimick

vs. Emma S. Dimick was heard and bill

granted for desertion. It is expected that the case of Emma D. Howard vs. John Q.

Shumway, which is an action of replevin,

It is expected that

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES. There was only one session in the grades

Tuesday because of the storm. The senior class attended the

neeting Tuesday. The '99 reading club met at the Brooks House Wednesday evening, and read several poems from Wordsworth. The next meeting will be devoted to Kipling's writ-

ings. Manager Bogle of the base ball team has already arranged for several games, among them being one with Vermont Academy and Keene High school. All the dates and Keene Fign school. All the dates are not definitely settled, although the team will probably play at Keene Memorial day. Candidates for the base ball team All the dates are practicing regularly at the armory Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

ADVERTISED LETTERS. Women-Miss Maud E. Stark, Mrs. Ellen M. Ware, Mrs. Annie Wilson. Men-M. J. H., C. Elmer Pearson, M. E. Wheeler.

Kipling Much Better.

At 10 o'clock last night it was announced that Mr. Kipling was sleeping soundly and had been for several hours. He was reported as being much better. During the afternoon Mr. Kipling was ransferred from his old sick room to parlor No. 1 and seemed much pleased with the change. The child Eisle was so much improved yesterday that the physicians allowed the little brother into the room to play with his sister.

The Brooks House Pharmacy has again shown their progressiveness by securing the agency of Putnam Fadeless dyes. This dye not only colors more goods than any other, but each package will color any and all kinds of ciothes. Price 10

. WEST BRATTLEBORO.

Minnie Winchester Stowe.

A sad funeral was that of Minnie 1. Winchester, wife of Frank D. E. Stowe, Under article eleven, in regard to the held at her late home in Centerville Tues. day at 2 o'clock. As was the sunshine of the outer world shut out by a severe storm, raging at the time, so the sunshine of two homes was clouded by the death and burial of this very estimable young woman Mrs. Stowe was a person who commanded the respect of all who came in contact with

her. From childhood, through her school days, at the time when she was employed in Barrow's dry goods store at the East village, and since her marriage, all her as. sociates recognized in her a sweet, loving disposition and in her death they feel a personal loss Besides her husband and parents Mrs. Stowe leaves a sister, Mrs. W. W. Holton of Athol, Mass., a brother in New York and a sister at home.

Since their marriage, which occurred two years ago last December, Mr. and Mrs. Stowe have lived in Keene, where Mr. Stowe had a successful law business About two months ago Mrs. Stowe, being unable to attend to her household duties, came to the home of her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. H. C. Winchester, where she falled

gradually from a complication of diseases,

the principal one being a heart trouble

Her death occurred Saturday afternoon. She was in her 30th year. Charles Dunklee is visiting in New York and Philadelphia.

John Sargent is re-clapboarding his suse and adding a new piazza. Mrs. S. T. Davenport is spending some ne in her son's family in Greenfield. Florence Fisher and Laura Weatheread returned on Tuesday from their visit

in New York. There will be another social dance at David Perry's tonight (Friday). He will

erve a sugar supper. Miss Fannie Stellman is at home from Lynn, Mass., where she has completed a ourse of instruction as trained nurse in

the general hospital. Norris B. Fitch, a Glenwood graduate, who has been visiting his mother, returns today to Casselton, North Dakota, where

he is successfully engaged in the insurance business. Ernest Winchester of New York was called here Saturday by the death of his sister, Mrs. Frank D. E. Stowe. He ar-

rived here just after her death. He will return today A sugar supper will be served at the Baptist church parlors next Tuesday even-ing, which will be entirely in charge of the

Following it a social hour will be spent, including an amusement program. Perry Brothers have moved their stock of pigs from the piggery in the village to heir farm. The piggery building is being moved to the farm in sections. Perry Brothers propose to engage extensively in the pig raising business.

J. L. Stockwell has made arrangements to buy out the half interest of his partner. W. D. Stockwell, in the mercantile business in which they have been engaged several years. It is expected that W. D. Stockwell will retire from the firm April 1. Owing to the attention which Mr. Mette's boxing class is attracting Superintendent Jones has decided to make more suitable quarters for the bouts between the boxers. He has laid a portable floor in the car barn and put in seats for the accommodation of the crowd. It will be used for the first

The annual fire district meeting and the aunual first engine company meeting was held Monday evening, but as very few were present no business was transact-The election of the engine company officers will probably take place at the next regular meeting. It will be necessary to get out a petition before another fire

district meeting can be held. The March term was convened Wednesday at 2 P. M. Present, Hon. James M. Charles Hedges of Washington, assistant superintendent of free deliveries, look-Hon. Frank Wor- ed over the field here a few days ago with Hon. Daniel Kellogg, assistant a view to determining whether the conditions were favorable to making the office Proclamation for the opening of the here a sub-station of the Brattleboro office court was made by Sheriff Gordon and and giving our people free delivery of His impressions have not been mails. tire West village,

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION .

(From the Oxford Democrat, South Paris, Me., March 7.) Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Dunham, hav-ing walked the wedded life together for 50 years, celebrated their golden wedding March 1, 1899, at their home in West

It was at first intended to celebrate the anniversary by extending an invitation to all relatives and friends and make the occasion one long to be remembered, but sickness and pressure of business on the part of some of the children made it impossible to do this, and so it was quietly celebrated with only a part of the family present, the others sending congratula-

Mr. Dunham, son of Salvanus Dunham. was born in Woodstock, Feb. 8, 1828, and at the age of 21 was married to Rachel E., daughter of Rev. Ziba Andrews, March 1

The first 25 years of their married life were spent on a farm at North Paris, and it was there that to this happy union the large family of ten children was born, six whom are still living. The eldest son, Hiram W., is at present a thriving merchant and also postmaster at North Paris in the same store in which his father did a successful business for 20 years after leaving the farm. He was also postmaster for 16 years at the same place. Chas. W., George L., and Lyndon L., are doing an extensive wholesale and retail boot and shoe business at Brattleboro, Vt., with a large branch store at Bellows Falls, Vt. Horatio R., located at Waterville, Me., is doing a successful clothing, hat and furnishing business; and Fannie F. is the wife of H. E. Hamilton, A. B., principal of the Warren school in Everett, Mass.

Among the valuable presents were two beautiful gold watches and chains presented to Mr. and Mrs. Dunham by their children,

Statement of Deaths at Camp Thomas. A statement compiled in the adjutant general's office at Washington shows the total number of deaths from disease at Camp Thomas in Chickamauga park from the first occupation of the camp, the middie of April, to its abandonment, the middie of September, and including the four battalions which remained to January 1, was 341, the percentage being a little less than one-half of one per cent. The total death of the volunteer force which was mobilized at Camp Thomas up to December 2, which was 21 months after they had ber 2, which was 2; months after they had been withdrawn from Camp Thomas and after the close of all campaigns in which any of them participated, was for this pe-

riod of six months 1.61 per cent.

Card of Thanks. We wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us and showed us their sympathy in our recent bereavement, and also to the Grand and the Woman's Relief corps, for the services which they rendezed.